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### *George Bush at the CIA*

It is too bad that Bob Woodward and Walter Pincus apparently sought views principally from senior officials of the CIA in their evaluation of the performance of George Bush as director of CIA [front page, Aug. 10].

Writing as one of the "18,000 votes for Bush," I would note the following contributions of Mr. Bush to the CIA: 1) he restored morale, which had sagged for the previous two years; 2) he recognized the abilities and expertise of analysts and operatives and gave them opportunities; 3) as the first "political" leader, he worked effectively to restore the agency's image—most importantly with consumers of agency intelligence materials; 4) he instituted information programs for employees concerning policies and administration that were continued by his successor.

Mr. Bush was aided in these endeavors by his choice of a deputy, whose assessment in the article seems to have been drawn from those senior personnel who felt they were contenders for that office. I have known E. Henry Knoche from his first days as a CIA analyst. His exceptional performance in that role led to many assignments that gave him an overall appreciation of agency responsibilities, as well as knowledge of where the skeletons had been buried, important considerations for a director with no intelligence background.

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